

## Women of Vision

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#### Background Information:

Women of Vision is a nonprofit organization whose members are a group of community leaders in Tacoma, Washington, organized to create opportunities to effect change for the betterment of women of all nationalities through the development, support, and promotion of all women as leaders and through international and intercultural communication among women. Women of Vision is a small, facilitative, action-oriented group that organizes and sponsors opportunities for women to come together to increase their understanding of one another, explore opportunities open to them and be aware of the obligation they have assumed. All funds raised by the all volunteer, nonprofit organization are used to further its goals, as the organization does not maintain an office or a staff.

Throughout the world, women have traditionally had positions in society that provided for less than the standard quality of life. Though the United States has made great strides in developing a more fair and equal system for women, there still exists a wide disparity in opportunities open to women. In many other nations, women experience less than humane conditions as an accepted way of living. Women of Vision uses the conferences to discuss the various issues facing women throughout the world regardless of location. Each conference deals with a different theme and brings together women from different countries. The 1990 Goodwill Games Conference marked the first international conference held by Women of Vision in which they brought women delegates from the Soviet Union to Tacoma for roundtable discussions on women's issues. In 1994, the group organized a Women's Global Forum with the Department of Labor Women's Bureau to focus on the 1995 World Women's Conference in Beijing, China.

Since the inception of Women of Vision in 1989, the organization has sponsored, planned, or participated in nine major women's events. Women of Vision continues to inform women about their rights and international issues.

#### Scope and Content:

The Women of Vision papers covers the years 1989-1999. The records are divided into sixteen series: Minutes, Correspondence, Conference 1990, Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Conference 1991, International Women's Forum 1991, Russian Space Luncheon 1992, Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Goodwill Games 1994, Women's Global Forum 1994, World Women's Conference 1995, Daily Operation, NGO, UN Commissions, International Women's Organizations, and Miscellaneous Items.

Minutes are arranged by date from 1989-1993. The minutes describe the decision-making process of Women of Vision. Discussions focused on conferences, public relations, and membership.

Correspondence is arranged by date from 1990-1997. The correspondence deals with the group's participation in other conference, the Department of Labor, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). The series shows their interaction with the community.

Conference 1990 dates from 1989-1990. This series describes the first conference held by Women of Vision. Records include the planning arrangements, photographs, correspondence with panelists, and conference materials.

Goodwill Games Conference 1990, 1989-1991 describes the arrangements undertaken by Women of Vision to sponsor a citizen's initiative conference during the games. Records include the planning arrangements correspondence, the selection of delegates, and evaluations.

Conference 1991 records from 1990-1991 describe the planning process by the group to hold its second local conference in Tacoma. Some the of the records include correspondence, workshop leaders biographies, financial reports, and public relations.

International Women's Forum 1991 held in the Soviet Union dates from 1990-1991. These records detail the organizational skills of the group to plan a conference in another country. Records include correspondence, planning details, public relations, and photographs.

Russian Space Luncheon 1992 records show the participation of Women of Vision in the Rotary International Russian program.

Irish-American Women's Conference 1993 from 1992-1993 was co-hosted by the Cork Federation of Women's Organizations. The records describe the procedures taken by Women of Vision to arrange their duties, and includes correspondence with their counterparts. Records include correspondence, planning arrangements, photographs, financial records, and the conference packet.

Goodwill Games Conference 1994, 1993-1994 is a series of correspondence by Women of Vision to garner interest in holding a conference during the St. Petersburg games.

Women's Global Forum 1994 records date from 1993 - 1994. This forum was an official event of the Department of Labor, Women's Bureau. The records include correspondence between Women of Vision and the Women's Bureau, panelists, programs, conference packet, public relations, and evaluations.

World Women's Conference 1995, 1994-1995 described the women's conference held in Beijing and the subsequent events in Tacoma. Records include correspondence, public relations, and newsletters.

Daily Operations records date from 1992-1999 and are arranged alphabetically. They describe the activities the group dealt with on a daily basis. Records include annual reports, newsletters, financial reports, and a data bank.

NGO, 1995-1998 are the records collected by Women of Vision pertaining to NGO activities. Records include a directory, conference reports, and correspondence.

UN Commissions reflect some of the UN programs that Women of Vision were interested in. The records deal with women's issues before the UN, and include UNIFEM, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and press releases from the UN Department of Public Information (DPI).

International Women's Organization is a sampling of organizations that focused on women's rights and are similar to Women of Vision. Records include the International Women's Tribune Centre, INSTRA, and the World Women's Congress.

Miscellaneous Items consist of loose photographs and a photograph album from the International Women's Forum.

**Inclusive Dates:** 1989-1999

**Restrictions:** none

**Volume:** 3 linear feet

**Accession Number:** 1999.128.1

## **Record Series 1: Minutes.**

### **Box 1: Minutes 1989-1993.**

#### **Folder:**

- 1        Incorporation, Articles and By-laws.**
- 2        Organization Structure.**
- 3        Vision of the Organization**  
Note: This topic occurred after the 1993 conference in Cork, Ireland. The group decided as a whole they were losing focus as an organization and needed to streamline their vision.
- 4        Minutes, 1 December 1989 to 14 December 1990.**
- 5        Minutes, 11 January 1991 to 20 December 1991.**
- 6        Minutes, 3 January 1992 to 18 December 1992.**
- 7        Minutes, 8 January 1993 to 10 December 1993.**

## **Record Series 2: Correspondence.**

### **Box 1: Correspondence 1990-1997.**

#### **Folder:**

- 8        Correspondence, General Federation of Women's Clubs, 21 November 1990 to 10 October 1991.**  
Note: Women of Vision was a member of this federation.
- 9        Correspondence, 24 January 1992 to 14 December 1992.**
- 10       Correspondence, Other Conferences, 1992 to 1995.**
- 11       Correspondence, 22 March 1993 to 26 May 1993.**
- 12       Correspondence, Women's Bureau, 4 August 1993 to 3 November 1993.**
- 13       Correspondence, 10 April 1995 to 12 December 1997.**

## **Record Series 3: Conference 1990.**

### **Box 1: Conference 1990, 1989-1990.**

#### **Folder:**

- 14       Conference 1990, Committee Minutes 17 February 1989 - 25 January 1990.**  
Note: The conference theme was "Setting a Public Policy Agenda." The main speakers were U.S. Representative Patricia Schroeder, LaVerne Collins, National BPW President, and Mayor Karen Vialle of Tacoma. The event was co-sponsored by Pacific Lutheran University and held on the 24 of March 1990.
- 15       Conference 1990, Committee Members.**
- 16       Conference 1990, Financial Reports.**
- 17       Conference 1990, Program.**

**18 Conference 1990, Conference Materials.**

Special Items:

Speech by Cecilia Funkhouser and the records of the sessions.

**19 Conference 1990, Correspondence, 7 February 1989 to 4 April 1990.**

**20 Conference 1990, Panelists.**

Note: The folder includes a listing of the panelists and articles about some of the panelists.

**21 Conference 1990, Attendees.**

Note: This is a list of the attendees.

**22 Conference 1990, Public Relations.**

**23 Conference 1990, Photographs.**

Special Items:

Photographs of Representative Pat Schroeder, Karen Vialle, and Dawn Lucien.

**Record Series 4: Goodwill Games Conference 1990.**

**Box 1: Goodwill Games Conference 1990, 1989-1990.**

**Folder:**

**24 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Minutes of the Goodwill Games Conference Committee, 10 October 1989 to 13 July 1990.**

Note: This conference was held under the auspices of the Goodwill Games Seattle. The event was a Citizen's Initiatives Conference featuring delegates from Soviet Union and the Tacoma area. The official name of the event was 'US/USSR Women's Conference Public Forum.' University of Puget Sound Women's Study Program co-sponsored the event. The theme was 'Enhancing our Mutual Understanding of Women's Lives' and took place from 25 June to 28 June 1990.

**25 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Minutes of the Citizen's Initiative Conference, 16 January 1989 to 17 July 1990.**

**26 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Committee Members.**

**27 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Financial Reports.**

**28 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Fundraising.**

**29 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Program Arrangements.**

**30 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Translation Arrangements.**

**31 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Correspondence, 6 May 1990 to 28 January 1991.**

**32 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Correspondence from Soviet delegates.**

Note: These are holiday cards from the Soviet delegates in Russian.

**33 Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Soviet Delegates.**

Note: This folder includes information about the selection process and the biographies of the chosen delegates. Some of the information is in Russian.

- 34      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, American Delegates.**  
Note: This folder includes information about the selection process for the American delegates and biographies of the chosen delegates.
- 35      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Homestay Program.**  
Note: The Homestay program was an official Goodwill Games function to place visiting delegates into local homes.
- 36      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Schedule of Events.**
- 37      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Event Programs.**
- 38      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Public Relations.**
- 39      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Public Relations, Articles about life in Russia.**
- 40      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Summary Report.**  
Special Item:  
One copy of the Conference Conclusion is in Russian.
- 41      **Goodwill Games Conference 1990, Photographs.**  
Special Items:  
Photographs of the Soviet delegates with schoolchildren and the banquet.

## **Record Series 5: Conference 1991.**

### **Box 1: Conference 1991, 1990-1991.**

#### **Folder:**

- 42      **Conference 1991, Planning Arrangements.**  
Note: The conference occurred on April 13, 1991 at Tacoma Community College. The main speakers were Daisy Stallworth, Dr. Pepper Schwartz, and Dawn Lucien. The theme was 'Relationships in a Changing World.'
- 43      **Conference 1991, Correspondence, 22 January 1991 to 7 May 1991.**
- 44      **Conference 1991, Workshop Leaders.**
- 45      **Conference 1991, Speeches.**  
Special Item: The opening conference speech by Cecilia Funkhouser.
- 46      **Conference 1991, Attendee Packet.**
- 47      **Conference 1991, Public Relations.**
- 48      **Conference 1991, Evaluations.**

## **Record Series 6: International Women's Forum 1991.**

### **Box 1: International Women's Forum 1991, 1990-1991.**

#### **Folder:**

- 49      **International Women's Forum 1991, Planning Arrangements.**  
Note: The conference was held in Makhachkala, Daghestan, USSR from 29 September 1991 to 5 October 1991 and co-sponsored by the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies. This event

involved representatives from the Soviet Union, United States, Great Britain, Ireland, and Japan. Topics covered were education, social services, women's and children's health, and business.

**50 International Women's Forum 1991, Delegates.**

Note: The folder includes information about the delegate selection process and the chosen delegates from the Soviet Union and the United States. The biographies about the Soviet delegates in are Russian and English.

**51 International Women's Forum 1991, Financial Reports.**

**52 International Women's Forum 1991, Fundraising.**

**53 International Women's Forum 1991, Donation Acknowledgments.**

**54 International Women's Forum 1991, Correspondence, 15 October 1990 to 18 September 1991.**

**55 International Women's Forum 1991, Public Relations.**

**56 International Women's Forum 1991, Public Relations, Information about Soviet Union.**

**57 International Women's Forum 1991, Summary and Evaluation.**

**58 International Women's Forum 1991, Photographs.**

Special Items:

Photographs of the tour of a Russian hospital.

**Record Series 7: Russian Space Luncheon, 1992.**

**Box 1: Russian Space Luncheon, 1992.**

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**59 Russian Space Luncheon, Planning Arrangements.**

Note: Women of Vision held a luncheon in cooperation with Rotary International, which was sponsoring the Europe-America Space Flight 500. The luncheon was on the 23 of November 1992.

**60 Russian Space Luncheon, Photographs.**

Special Items:

Photographs of the luncheon.

**Records Series 8: Irish-American Women's Conference 1993.**

**Box 1: Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, 1992-1993.**

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**61 Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Outbound Committee, 22 May 1992 to 9 May 1993.**

Note: The conference was held in Cork, Ireland from May 7-9, 1993. The event was co-sponsored by the Cork Federation of Women's Organizations and Women of Vision. The conference theme was 'Women & Leadership: Redefining Power.'

**62 Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Planning Arrangements.**

**63 Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Planning Arrangements, Notes on the 1992**

**Global Forum of Women.**

- 64 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Financial Report.**
- 65 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Correspondence, 15 June 1992 to 28 February 1993.**
- 66 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Correspondence, 3 March 1993 to 3 October 1993.**

**Box 2: Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, 1992-1993.**

**Folder:**

- 1 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Program Schedule.**
- 2 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Facilitators.**  
Note: The folder includes the biographies of the American facilitators.
- 3 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Attendees.**
- 4 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Conference Packet.**
- 5 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Speeches.**  
Special Items:  
Speeches by Cecilia Funkhouser and Nancy Peregrine.
- 6 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Public Relations.**
- 7 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Public Relations, Information about Ireland.**
- 8 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Evaluations.**
- 9 **Irish-American Women's Conference 1993, Photographs.**  
Special Items:  
Photographs of Cecilia Funkhouser, Fionnula Crowley, and Maire Bradshaw.

**Record Series 9: Goodwill Games 1994.**

**Box 2: Goodwill Games 1994, 1993-1994.**

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- 10 **Goodwill Games 1994, Planning Arrangements.**  
Note: This conference was canceled due to lack of interest.
- 11 **Goodwill Games 1994, Correspondence, 11 February 1993 to 3 May 1994.**

**Record Series 10: Women's Global Forum 1994**

**Box 2: Women's Global Forum 1994, 1993-1994.**

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- 12 **Women's Global Forum 1994, Planning Arrangements.**  
Note: The conference was a preliminary event for the Beijing Women's Conference. Karen Nussbaum, Director of U.S. Women's Bureau and Arvonne Fraser, U.S. Representative to the UN

Commission on the Status of Women were the main speakers. The conference took place from April 22-24, 1993. The theme was 'A Prelude to Beijing.'

- 13      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Correspondence, 3 December 1993 to 17 November 1994.**
- 14      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Correspondence with the Women's Bureau, 26 November 1993 to 3 February 1994.**
- 15      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Mailing Lists.**
- 16      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Contacts.**
- 17      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Financial Reports.**
- 18      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Presenters**  
Note: Folder includes the biographies of all presenters.
- 19      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Conference Packet.**  
Special Item:  
 Proclamation by Women of Vision in honor of Cecilia Funkhouser, 13 April 1994.
- 20      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Public Relations.**
- 21      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Public Relations, Information Articles.**
- 22      **Women's Global Forum 1994, Evaluation and Summary.**

## **Record Series 11: World Women's Conference 1995.**

**Box 2: World Women's Conference 1995, 1994-1995.**

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- 23      **World Women's Conference 1995, Background Information.**  
Note: This event was sponsored by the United Nations. Women of Vision attended as a NGO. The theme was '4<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace.' The event occurred on September 4-15, 1995 in Beijing, China. Women of Vision held two small events relating to this conference on February 1995, 'Prelude to Beijing Continues,' and in October 1995, 'Think Globally, Act Locally.'
- 24      **World Women's Conference 1995, Fact Sheets.**
- 25      **World Women's Conference 1995, 'On the Road to Beijing' newsletters, April 1994 to June 1995.**
- 26      **World Women's Conference 1995, Newsletters, 1994-1995.**
- 27      **World Women's Conference 1995, Public Relations.**
- 28      **World Women's Conference 1995, Evaluation of 'Think Globally, Act Locally' Conference 1995.**

## **Record Series 12: Daily Operations**

**Box 2: Daily Operations, 1992-1999.**



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- 29 Daily Operations, Annual Report 1993.**
- 30 Daily Operations, Data Bank.**
- 31 Daily Operations, Financial Report, 1992.**
- 32 Daily Operations, Members.**  
Note: The folder includes a listing of members and letters of resignation.
- 33 Daily Operations, Multi-Cultural Exchange Committee, 1992-1993.**
- 34 Daily Operations, Newsletters, *The Vision*, 1992-1999.**  
Special Items:  
 Summer 1994 has proclamations for Barbara Annis and Cecilia Funkhouser.  
 January 1995 has Cecilia Funkhouser's obituary.
- 35 Daily Operations, Public Relations.**
- 36 Daily Operations, Women Together.**  
Note: Women Together was the organization formed by the Soviet and American delegates and Women of Vision at the 1990 Goodwill Games Conference.

**Record Series 13: NGO (Non-Governmental Organization).****Box 2: NGO, 1995-1998.****Folder:**

- 37 NGO, Correspondence, 8 December 1993 to 23 December 1996.**
- 38 NGO, Directory, 1995-1998.**
- 39 NGO, Directory Supplement, 1997-1998.**
- 40 NGO, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference, 18-20 September 1995.**
- 41 NGO, US Participation in the Fourth World Conference on Women, February 1996.**

**Record Series 14: UN Commissions.****Box 2: UN Commissions, 1985-1995.****Folder:**

- 42 UN Commissions, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.**
- 43 UN Commissions, Department of Public Information (DPI) Press Release, 25 March 1993 to 10 April 1995.**
- 44 UN Commissions, DPI Newsletters, 30 April 1995 to 20 September 1995.**
- 45 UN Commissions, Economic and Social Council Press Release, Commission on the Status of Women, 16 March 1995 to 3 April 1995.**
- 46 UN Commissions, Economic and Social Council Bulletins, Commission on the Status of Women, 3 January 1995 to 9 March 1995.**

- 47 UN Commissions, The Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, July 1985.
- 48 UN Commissions, UNIFEM (Development Fund for Women), Agenda 21.
- 49 UN Commissions, UN Focus Fact Sheets on Women.
- 50 UN Commissions, Challenges for the Year 2000.

### **Record Series 15: International Women's Organizations.**

**Box 2: International Women's Organizations, 1980-1993.**

**Folder:**

- 51 International Women's Organizations, INSTRAW News, Women and Management, Spring 1995.
- 52 International Women's Organizations, Articles about Women's Issues.
- 53 International Women's Organizations, International Women's Tribune Centre Newsletters, 1980-1984.
- 54 International Women's Organizations, International Women's Tribune Centre Newsletters, 1983-1993.
- 55 International Women's Organizations, International Women's Tribune Centre Pamphlets.
- 56 International Women's Organizations, UN Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.  
Note: This is a booklet distributed by the International Women's Tribune Centre.
- 57 International Women's Organizations, World Women's Congress.  
Note: Official conference report for the 8-12 November 1991.

### **Record Series 16: Miscellaneous Items.**

**Box 2: Miscellaneous Items.**

**Folder:**

- 58 Miscellaneous Items, Photographs.  
Special Items:  
Photographs of the board members.
- 59 Miscellaneous Items, Photograph Album, International Women's Forum 1991.  
Special Items:  
Photographic Album from the women's forum held in the Soviet Union.